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Honorable Dan Coats  
United States Senate  
411 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coats:

This is in reply to your letter of January 25, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

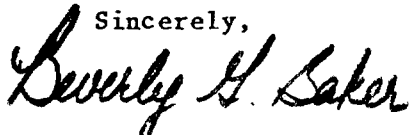
Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures:

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Discussion paper

cc:

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January 25, 1993

The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Alfred:

I am writing on behalf of several constituents in regard to their concern with FCC Docket 92-235 which would reallocate frequencies currently used for radio controlled airplanes and automobiles to mobile telephones.

I have enclosed a copy of a constituent's letter. I would appreciate it if you could provide information which will enable me to respond to their concerns. Please address your reply to Michele Raines of my Washington office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Coats  
U.S. Senator

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**Urgent: Serious problem with PR Docket 92-235.**

Dear Senator Coats

**Please help!** Under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are frequency use changes that will adversely affect the lives of millions people.

I am one of these people affected. For many years my family and I have enjoyed the building and flying of radio controlled model airplanes. I have a considerable investment in this hobby. If these changes are adopted by the FCC, the current RC frequencies will become dangerous to use because of direct radio interference.

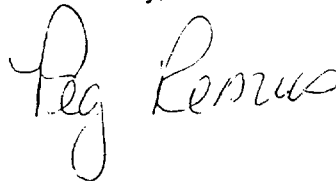
The frequency changes are proposed by the FCC Land Mobile Service. The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (**NPRM - PR Docket 92-235**)

Can you imagine an RC airplane, costing several hundred dollars or more, crashing to the ground because someone in a car uses a "mobile" telephone in the vicinity. We modelers have controls and rules in place to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and also the protection of surrounding property. But there will be no protection against these new frequencies because they are "mobile" and we would never know where they are.

All over the country there are organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. Spectators often number in the thousands at these events. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and my family. ***Please help keep model aviation safe.***

The FCC must not be allowed to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



**Urgent: Action needed before February 26, 1993.**